

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An ID assigning method, comprising:  
recording, in an apparatus, content which is made usable by recording a release key in the apparatus;  
recording, in the apparatus, ID setting instructions;  
executing the ID setting instructions;  
assigning an ID necessary to update map data or a program in a navigation apparatus that performs route guidance based on recorded map data; and  
creating an ID distinctive unique to the each apparatus based on present navigation apparatus information, the ID usable to acquire the release key.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the ID is created based on a randomly acquired numeric value.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the ID is created based on data representing a date and time.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the ID is created based on data representing a present position.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the ID is created based on a parameter related to the apparatus.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a registered home location of the apparatus.
7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a number of registered locations stored in the apparatus.

8. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a distance coefficient.

9. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a travel distance of a vehicle related to the apparatus.

10. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a travel time of a vehicle related to the apparatus.

11. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a location of a found facility.

12. (Currently Amended) An ID assigning method, comprising:  
recording, in an apparatus, ID setting instructions for creating an ID ~~distinctive~~  
unique to the each apparatus based on present navigation apparatus information;  
determining a date and time;  
determining a present position;  
executing the ID setting instructions;  
assigning the ID necessary to update map data or a program in a navigation  
apparatus that performs route guidance based on recorded map data; and  
creating the ID based on data representing the date and time, and data  
representing the present position of the navigation apparatus.

13. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) An ID assigning apparatus, comprising a controller, the controller configured to:  
record, in the apparatus, content which is made usable by recording a release  
key in the apparatus;  
record, in the apparatus, ID setting instructions;  
execute the ID setting instructions;

assign an ID necessary to update map data or a program in a navigation apparatus that performs route guidance based on recorded map data; and  
create an ~~the~~ ID distinctive ~~unique~~ to ~~the~~ each apparatus based on present navigation apparatus information, the ID usable to acquire the release key.

14. (Withdrawn) A navigation apparatus comprising the ID assigning apparatus of claim 13.

15. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a set of program instructions executable on a data processing device and usable for assigning an ID to an apparatus, the set of program instructions comprising:

instructions for recording, in the apparatus, content which is made usable by recording a release key in the apparatus;

instructions for recording, in the apparatus, ID setting instructions;

instructions for executing the ID setting instructions;

instructions for assigning an ID necessary to update map data or a program in a navigation apparatus that performs route guidance based on recorded map data; and

instructions for creating an ~~the~~ ID distinctive ~~unique~~ to ~~the~~ each apparatus based on present navigation apparatus information, the ID usable to acquire the release key.

16. (Currently Amended) An ID assigning apparatus, comprising  
means for recording, in an apparatus, content which is made usable by recording a release key in the apparatus;

means for recording, in the apparatus, ID setting instructions;

means for executing the ID setting instructions;

means for assigning an ID necessary to update map data or a program in a navigation apparatus that performs route guidance based on recorded map data; and

means for creating an the ID distinctive unique to the each apparatus based on  
present navigation apparatus information, the ID usable to acquire the release key.